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SUBJECT: AIFLD PROGRAM REGIONAL GUIDELINES, 1976-1977

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1. AIFLD CARIBBEAN, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN BRIDGETOWN, HAS WITHIN ITS PRVIEW THE POLITICAL ENTITIES OF THIS EMBASSY'S ACCREDITATION (THE INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES OF BARBADOS AND GRENADA, THE ASSOCIATED STATES OF ST. VINCENT, ST. LUCIA, DOMINICA, ANTIGUA AND ST. KITTS, AND THE BRITISH POSSESSIONS OF MONTSERRAT AND THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS). HOWEVER AIFLD CARIBBEAN ALSO HAS RESPONSIBCLITY FOR BERMUDA, BAHAMAS, JAMAICA, TRINIDAD-TOBAGO, GUYANA, SURINAM, CURACAO, AND BRITISH HONDURAS.

2. GIVEN THIS FACT, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO DRAFT A COUNTRY APPENDIX- OR RATHER AREA APPENDIX, IN THIS CASE - COVERING ALL THE ABOVE ISLAND COUNTIES. WE WILL INSTEAD COMMENT BRIEFLY ON THE ONE ALREADY SUBMITTED BY AIFLD CARIBBEAN FOR THE YEAR APRIL 1, 1976--MARCH 31, 1977.

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3. THE ENGLISH AND DUTCH SPEAKING CARIBBEAN STATES HAVE A TRADITION OF ACTIVE TRADE UNIONS AND SUBSTANTIAL UNION INVOLVEMENT IN THE AREA'S POLITICS. FOR THIS REASON AIFLD'S ACTIVITIES CLEARLY CAN BE OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO OUR FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION THAT THE LEVEL OF PROPOSED AIFLD FUNDING FOR ITS BRIDGETOWN-ADMINISTERED PROGRAM IS IN LINE WITH THE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY THE AREA'S VIGROUS AND RELATIVELY APPROACHABLE LABOR MOVEMENTS.

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